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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1966

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THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I submit herewith my Annual Report for the year 1966. The report is presented in the form required by the Ministry of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	17,735
Population estimated mid-1966	3,860
Number of inhabited houses	1,281
Rateable Value	£172,654
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£725

VITAL STATISTICS

		Male	Female	Total
Live births	- legitimate	31	19	50
	- illegitimate	-	1	1
Still births	- legitimate	-	-	-
	illegitimate	-	-	-

	District		England & Wales
	Crude	Corrected	1966
Live Birth rate	13.2	13.5	17.7
Death rate	7.25	8.3	11.7
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	Nil		19.0

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CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Syphilitic Disease	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	-
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	2
Coronary disease, angina	2	2
Hypertension with heart disease	-	1
Other heart disease	1	1
Other circulatory disease	1	-
Pneumonia	2	-
Bronchitis	1	1
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	1	-
Other defined & ill defined diseases	-	1
All other accidents	1	-
	18	10

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS & OTHER DISEASES

Age distribution of Notified Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1966

Disease	Under 1	1/2	2/3	3/4	4/5	5/9	10/14	15/24	25/34	35/44	45/64	65 and over
Measles	-	11	3	2	6	7	1	1	-	-	-	-
Whooping cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Scarlet fever	-		-	2	1	5	1	-	-	-	-	-

Tuberculosis

No cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1966.

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PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIONS & OTHER DISEASES

Age distribution of Notified Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1955

Disease	Under 1	1 / 2	2 / 3	3 / 4	4 / 5	5 / 10	10 / 15	15 / 20	20 / 45	45 and over
Measles	-	11	3	8	6	7	1	1	-	-
Whooping cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	2	1	3	1	-	-	-	-

Tuberculosis

No cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1955.

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TABULAR STATEMENT OF INSPECTIONS

Housing	75
Meat and Foods	21
Factories	28
Offices and Shops	10
Refuse Disposal	62
Sewage Disposal	120
Building	330
Rodent Control	122
Miscellaneous	484
Total	1252

NOTICES SERVED

	Issued	Complied With
Informal	11	8
Statutory	12	12

MEAT AND FOODS

No animals have been slaughtered in the District for human consumption during the year, requirements of the local butchers being met chiefly from the Stamford Abattoir.

The food condemned comprised 20 lbs. of imported lambs livers in a state of decomposition.

Complaints were received from a catering establishment of a discolourisation in the bread received from a large bakery and this was taken up with the manufacturer concerned and an immediate improvement effected.

Preserved Food, etc., Food and Drugs Act.

Two premises, one at Ketton and the other at Clipsham ceased to sell ice cream during the year. In other respects the Register remains unchanged.

Milk and Dairies

There are no changes in the Register to report.

FACTORIES

There are no changes in the Register to report during the year and it has not been necessary to issue any Notices.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

It is gratifying to report that for the second year running there have been no cases of Infectious Diseases requiring investigation or disinfection neither has it been necessary to take any action in respect of verminous persons or premises.

NEW BUILDINGS

130 Plans were deposited of which 106 were approved, 12 were exempt from Building Regulations, 1 was disapproved and 11 deferred.

The approved plans included those for 21 private dwellings comprising 6 at Ketton, 11 at Ryhall, 3 at Little Casterton and 1 at Clipsham.

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Prepared Food, etc., Food and Drugs Act.

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19 private dwellings were completed during the year comprising 13 at Ketton, 3 at Ryhall, 1 at Tinwell and 2 at Little Casterton.

SCAVENGING

This service has continued to operate satisfactorily during the year with very few complaints and this Council is very fortunate in having such a good and reliable collection team, the present members having worked together for the past six years.

The hiring of standard dustbins continued to be a popular service and in itself contributed to the efficiency of the service.

The tip on the Empingham Road, Ketton, was practically full at the end of the year and a new tip in the Parish of Ketton is urgently required.

The Council purchased a second hand tractor at the end of the year and this will be a great help in keeping the tips in a tidy condition.

Unauthorised dumping mainly of trade refuse and old car bodies creates a problem at the tips, but special efforts are being made to stop this practice.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The new Sewage Works at Great Casterton came into operation during the year and samples taken of the effluent have proved to be very satisfactory.

Good progress was made with connections in the village, some 97 properties being connected by the end of the year.

A local inquiry by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, was held into the Tinwell Sewerage Scheme and in November a visit was made to the Ministry Headquarters in London and arising from the discussions it appeared that the Ministry favoured pumping the Tinwell sewage to Ketton and thus effecting a saving in the initial outlay and in working expenses. The scheme was subsequently approved and work on the project should soon be underway.

With regard to the scheme for sewering Essendine and enlarging the Ryhall Works, there was considerable delay in negotiations with British Railways for laying the sewer and pumping main under the main line at Essendine and great difficulty was also encountered with regard to the acquisition of the land required by agreement. By the end of the year however it seemed that the Council would shortly be in a position to submit a scheme to the Ministry for their approval.

Meanwhile the sludge disposal problem at the overloaded Ryhall Sewage Works became very acute at the end of the year. It is of paramount importance that the work on the new extensions can be put in hand quickly because additional sludge drying beds are urgently required to combat this difficult problem.

A further 18 premises were connected to the sewer at Ketton during the year.

Throughout the District a total of 46 pail closets were abolished and replaced by water closets.

At the end of the year, the Council appointed a Sewage works attendant for Great Casterton and to operate the tractor for tip levelling and sludge removal generally.

The attendants at Ryhall and Ketton have both given loyal and conscientious service during the year.

RAG FLOCK ACT

There are no registrations in force in the District.

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RAG INDUSTRY ACT

There are no regulations in force in the District.

PET ANIMALS ACT

There are no licensed premises in the District.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963

One premises at Ketton was licensed under the above Act during the year.

WATER SUPPLIES

Water for the Parishes of Clipsham, Essendine, Great and Little Casterton, Ryhall and Tinwell is supplied by the South Lincs. Water Board whilst the Nene and Ouse Water Board supplies Tixover and Ketton. There is a private supply for the Parish of Pickworth.

I have received from the Water Boards the results of 104 water samples taken during the year for bacteriological examination; of these 93 were satisfactory, 3 were suspicious and 8 were unsatisfactory.

RODENT CONTROL

The arrangement whereby pest control is carried out by a private firm, worked well during the year.

29 complaints were received of which 25 related to rats, 2 to mice, 1 to ants and 1 to wasps.

24 of the premises treated for rats were dwelling houses and I should like to point out that the Council offers a free treatment service for this purpose.

Sewer baiting was carried out in March in the Parishes of Ryhall and Ketton and whilst Ketton was clear, a widespread minor infestation was observed in Ryhall. This was subsequently cleared and a further test baiting of the affected manholes at the end of the year showed that this state of affairs was still happily so.

In addition to the complaints received, regular pest treatment is carried out to all the Council's undertakings.

HOUSING INSPECTION

In view of the fact that no Council Houses were built during the year, only limited progress was made in the slum clearance programme, some 9 houses being dealt with during the year.

There was much discussion during the year about the 'Long Row' area, Ketton, and finally after a scheme had been agreed by all including the Ministry's own Regional Officers, Whitehall rejected the project and the process of replanning had to start all over again.

The Council had plans approved for demolishing Nos.62 - 70, High Street, Ketton, and erecting a pair of bungalows on the site.

With regard to the area embracing the 'Ten Row' and adjacent properties, Aldgate, Ketton, after much fruitless discussion the Council decided to inform the owner that they are not prepared to proceed further with consideration of a scheme of redevelopment in the area.

During the year 10 houses were brought up to Discretionary Grant Standard and 7 houses to the Standard Grant requirements.

7 applications for grants resulted in the award of 5 Discretionary Grants and 1 enhanced standard grant whilst 1 discretionary grant application was deferred.

At the end of the year work commenced on the installation of bathrooms to the 12 Council Houses at Great Casterton.

No. of Visits	75
No. of Houses Inspected	70
No. of Houses found unfit for habitation	12
No. of Houses not in all respects fit	42

Remedy of Defects

No. of Houses made fit as a result of informal action	19
No. of unfit houses closed as a result of Closing Orders	4
No. of unfit houses closed by accepting undertakings from owners	5
No. of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	-
No. of cases of overcrowding discovered	Nil
No. of houses made fit by accepting a programme of works	2
No. of houses where part of a house closed by Closing Order	1

MOVABLE DWELLINGS

No additional sites have been licensed during the year.

A. R. BURT

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
AND SURVEYOR

July 1966

FACTORIES ACT, 1961, PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	10		
(II) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	12	18		
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers Premises)	-	-		
TOTAL	19	28		

2. Cases in which defects were found.

	Found	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
		Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness					
Overcrowding					
Temperature					
Inadequate Ventilation					
Ineffective drainage of floors					
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective					
(c) Not separate for Sexes					
Other offences against The Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).					
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

NIL

PART VIII OF THE ACT - Outwork (Sections 133 and 134) ..... NIL

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